REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT — RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SHRI ASHOK MITRA (West Bengal): Sir, I present the following Reports (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce:

(i) Thirty-fifth Report on India and the WTO; and

(ii) Thirty-sixth Report on Development Potential of Commerce in the North-Eastern Region.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL (Maharashtra): I present the Thirty-fourth Report in English and Hindi) of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism on the Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Bill, 1998.

EVIDENCE TENDERED BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Sir, I lay on the Table a copy of the Evidence tendered before the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism on the Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Bill, 1998.

REPORTS AND MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports and Minutes of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:—

(i) Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Third Report (Eleventh Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division)— Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Allahabad Bank and Credit Facilities provided by the Bank to them.

(ii) Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Seventh Report (Eleventh Lok Sabha) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on Ministry of Food Processing Industries—Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd.

(iii) Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

(iv) Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Canara Bank and credit facilities provided by the Bank to them.

(v) Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled-Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Indian Institutes of Technology including reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in admission therein.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी : महोदय मैं निम्नलिखित प्रस्ताव उपस्थित करता हूं।

"अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद अधिनियम, 1987 (1987 का 52)की धारा 4 की उपधारा (1) के

साथ पठित धारा 3 की उपधारा (4) के खण्ड (अ) में अन्तर्विष्ट उपबंधों के अनुसरण में यह सभा उस रीति में, जैसा सभापति निदेश दें, सभा के सदस्यों में से एक सदस्य को अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद् का सदस्य होने के लिए निर्वाचित करने की कार्यवाही करे।"

The question was put-and-the motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 7TH DECEMBER, 1998

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI DILIP RAY): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that the Government Business during the week commencing 7th December, 1998, will consist of:—

1. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Bill, 1998 as passed by Lok Sabha.
2. Further discussion on the 30th Report of the erstwhile Commissioner of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for 1989—91.
3. Consideration and passing of the Export-Import Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 1998 as passed by the Lok Sabha.
4. Consideration and passing of the Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories (Repeal) Bill, 1998 after it has been passed by the Lok Sabha.
5. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the Central Vigilance Commission, Ordinance, 1998 and the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 1998 and consideration and passing of the Central Vigilance Commission Bill, 1998 after it has been passed by Lok Sabha.
6. Consideration and passing of the Major Port Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 1998.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): Sir, yesterday there was wide condemnation in the House of the vandalism about the screening of the film "Fire" in some cinema halls. After that, when all the sides agreed that such expressions of intolerance should not be there, the same thing had been repeated yesterday in a cinema hall in Delhi. You kindly direct the Government that this kind of vandalism should be brought to an end immediately and the culprits booked.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up Special Mentions. Shri Viduthalai Virumbi. He is not here. Shri Khagen Das.

Need for Development of Additional Forces in Tripura

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (Tripura): Mr. Chairman, Sir, my Special Mention is regarding immediate deployment of additional forces for effective counter-insurgency operation in Tripura. The anti-national insurgent groups, which are being aided and equipped with sophisticated arms by both the imperialist forces and the ISI of Pakistan, have stepped up their violent activities during the last few months. These groups are mostly operation from Bangladesh and after committing the offence they easily cross to their hide-outs through the porous international border. The State Government has repeatedly requested the Central Government for deployment of additional forces in the State. The State level co-ordination committee in relation to security matters, which includes the officials of the Army and other paramilitary forces besides the State officials, have made an in-depth assessment of the situation in the State and asked for deployment of additional forces. However, it is shocking that the Government of India instead of deploying additional forces has withdrawn the forces unilaterally from the State. Since March, 1998, the battalions of Army have been withdrawn from the State. The Chief Minister of Tripura and the Members of Parliament had time and again met the Prime Minister, the hon. Home Minister and the Defence Minister and requested them to send additional forces. The Chief Minister of West Bengal had also requested the Home Minister to send additional forces immediately. The Chief Minister of Tamilnadu had also requested the Central